IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of David SIDRANSKY Serial No. 09/164,764

Filed: October 1, 1998

Examiner: Souaye

) Group Art Unit 1653

) Atty. Dkt. No. 01107.76459

For: DETECTION OF HYPERMUTABLE NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE IN PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a one (1) month extension of time to and including May 19, 2000, for responding to the Final Office Action mailed January 19, 2000. Therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a fifty-five ninety dollar (\$55.00) extension fee is included with this request. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 19-0733.

By:

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 18, 2000

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